

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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		TREATING DISORDERS OF THE	)	
		EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX	)	
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This submission is in response to the office action dated April 17, 2008, which imposed restriction and election of species requirements. This submission is accompanied by a petition for a three-month extension of time.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group VII (i.e., claims 11-16) with traverse. Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that all groups are closely related and can be searched without undue burden. Therefore, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn.

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect the species kidney fibrosis. Claims of Group VII reading on the elected species include claims 10-16 and 21.

Respectfully submitted,

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